

## SONGBIRD VISITS HAREM OF SULTAN

Received by Favorite Wife  
and Given Diamonds  
and Gold.

NAPLES, Dec. 28.—Mme. Elvira Campi, the Italian prima donna, just back from Constantinople, writes entertainingly in the *Giornale d'Italia* of her experiences in the Turkish capital.

"I was invited to visit the imperial harem," says the singer, "and was conducted into a small parlor, the hangings, carpets, and furniture of which were of pale blue and silver, the most precious and at the same time least ostentatious bit of decoration I have ever seen." The Sultan's chief wife, and his favorite daughter—the palace officials are responsible for the ladies' designations—advanced toward me as the master of ceremony pronounced my name.

"We salute you," said the Sultan, bowing lightly, and his wife and daughter repeated his greeting. I responded in a few Turkish words which had been taught me by the court marshal, but the Sultana would not allow me to finish. Taking a big crescent of diamonds from her corsage, she fastened it to my breast, and smilingly pointed to the piano, where the director of the imperial music, a Spaniard, named Aranda Pasia, took his seat a minute later, after a curtain of blue silk gauze had been dropped from the ceiling, separating the performers from the imperial audience.

"After my songs the pianist bowed himself out, and the blue curtain was withdrawn. The Sultan spoke first, congratulating me, and the chief wife and her lovely daughter were also most complimentary, the Sultana using a number of set phrases in French. The Princess spoke in her own tongue. She has a bewitching smile which accentuated her youth and beauty.

"The royal party then withdrew, and as the portieres dropped behind them, a palace official appeared, bearing on a golden plate a red silk purse embroidered with pearls and incrustated with precious stones. The purse was filled with gold, Turkish pound pieces, evidently fresh from the mint."

## WOMEN SCARE MEN OFF THE ROSTRUM

English Officials Fear to  
Speak at Suffragist  
Meetings.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—If the women suffragists of England have accomplished nothing else by their strenuous methods of agitating, they have at least so severely scared the members of the present British government that several of them have made a statement that under no circumstances will they speak at any more liberal meetings unless they receive a pledge from the leaders of the women suffragists movement that they will not be assaulted or their lives endangered.

Mr. Gladstone, who was recently attacked by furious women at Leeds, has declared that he will take no more risks of being made a target for anything the women want to fire at him, or of having to make an ignominious exit. He furthermore has declared that he will not even be satisfied with pledges from the women suffragist leaders, but absolutely refuses to speak at any meeting where women will be admitted.

He makes an exception in the case of the wife of the chairman of the meeting, and a limited number of ladies whose pacific intentions are guaranteed by a great majority of the local liberal executive.

The leaders of the women suffragist movement while deploring the fact that some of their followers have behaved in rather disorderly manner, declare that some violence was, and probably will be for some time to come, absolutely necessary to impress it upon the minds of the male voters that they are in earnest.

## LONDON HATS CHOSEN FOR THE KAISER'S WIFE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Kaiser's versatility extends even to the choice of his wife's hats—a decisive proof of the fact that he is a man of no ordinary courage. Before he left London, the Emperor William visited one of the fashionable West End milliners and ordered a number of "creations," which he took back to Germany with him.

In choosing the hats the Kaiser displayed more taste and discrimination in millinery matters than is generally credited to a man. He selected hats of large size, to suit the Kaiserin's commanding figure, and all of them were trimmed with ostrich plumes; but his majesty would not look at models trimmed with osprey, as he evidently shared Queen Alexandra's views against the use of this kind of feather, involving the destruction of rare and beautiful birds. None of the hats were of the "mushroom" shape.

## LOVE FOR HER DOLL CAUSES DEATH OF GIRL

GENEVA, Dec. 28.—For the sake of her doll, Mlle. Henriette Houpat, ten years old, died a terrible death in the Alps. The child, who lived in a little village near the summit of the Préalpes, dropped her doll over a precipice, and to recover it scrambled down the almost perpendicular mountain side.

The getting back, however, was beyond her powers, and the poor child was found twenty-four hours afterward frozen to death, with her doll clasped in her stiffened arms.

## Actress Wife Wins Peeress To Her Side

Camille Clifford and Her  
Husband Visit Home  
of Parents.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Hon Lyndhurst Bruce and his wife (Camille Clifford) are joggling along far more comfortably now, owing to the fact that Mr. Bruce put his foot firmly down in regard to the attentions paid to the fair Camille by an admirer in the automobile business.

Moreover, Lord and Lady Aberdare, who are tired of playing the parts of the unforgiving and irate parents, have accepted Camille, and the young couple went to the family place near Cardiff and spent a week-end, which was described by one of Mr. Bruce's friends as "formal" on the Saturday, "informal" on the Sunday, and "familiar" on the Monday.

Camille made herself very charming, and completely thawed out Lady Aberdare. The peer, however, was a little more difficult.

Mr. Bruce, who is making slow progress in business, has consented to receive some financial assistance from his father, and, altogether, the prospects of the young couple are far brighter than they were.

## EDWARD REDUCES ROYAL EXPENSES

No Longer Keeps Full Staff  
of Domestic at Each  
Palace.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—King Edward continues his work of economy in reducing the expenses of the royal household. It is his decisive aim to have the domestic work of his palaces done by the smallest possible staff, and he has abolished the system of keeping a full complement of servants at each of his residences.

Only a nucleus staff—sufficient to keep the place in order—is maintained at each palace, while the full staff accompanies the court wherever it goes.

In other ways the King has effected economies. Several superfluous officials have been dispensed with, and duties have been rearranged so that two or three men are no longer wasted on work that could be done by one. Vacancies in the household which his majesty does not think necessary to fill will remain vacant, and so on.

The amount of money King Edward has saved in this way since he came to the throne is enormous.

## SHORT RUSH VISITS VOGUE IN GREAT WORLD

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The habit of paying brief calls from 5 to 7 and rushing from house to house, is the vogue in Paris. The fashionable women find this a very attractive time of the day to run into a drawing-room for a quarter of an hour, take a cup of tea, have ten minutes' "flirt," and be off again somewhere else.

The elegance displayed at these little functions is very great. Ladies resolve in toilettes lighter than summer gowns, with the neck open if not absolutely décolleté and short sleeves. Crepe de chine, voile and mousseline de soie are the materials mostly used, with a great deal of lace, while at the present time they are also trimmed with touches of zibeline and ermine.

The luxury of the day also affects the table, as the porcelain is usually of costly Sevres or Dresden, and glasses of pure crystal and only the finest chased silver are used, with table linen elaborately trimmed with costly lace and embroidery.

## SPLASH BOARD WHISKERS NOW MENACE TO AUSTRIANS

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—An awful prospect menaces Austria. The play has patriotism one that a suggestion has actually been made that, with a view to honoring the veteran Emperor, all the men in Austria who are able should wear "splash boards," or the peculiar style of side whiskers affected by the Emperor—and by elderly and respectable waiters.

A society is actually in formation to encourage the growth of these whiskers, and the prospect of the whole empire being side-whiskered is so fearful that many people are contemplating emigration.

## SHAW IS DRAWING CARD AT THEATERS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—George Bernard Shaw surely finds play-writing a success. His plays are now the biggest "draw" in London, in the provinces, and also on the Continent of Europe, particularly Germany.

The vogue of Shaw was worked up by Granville Barker at the Court Theatre, where a long series of "Shawian" plays was produced, with the result that the little theater out Chelsea way was transformed from a white elephant into a valuable property.

"Mrs. Warren's Profession," which has been condemned by the censorship both in England and America, has been hailed as a masterpiece of drama in Germany.

## DIJON HAS WOMAN EDITOR.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A woman at Dijon has been made the editor and manager of the leading newspaper in the place, which is very unusual in France. She is Mme. Jobard, the widow of the director of the *Bien Public*.

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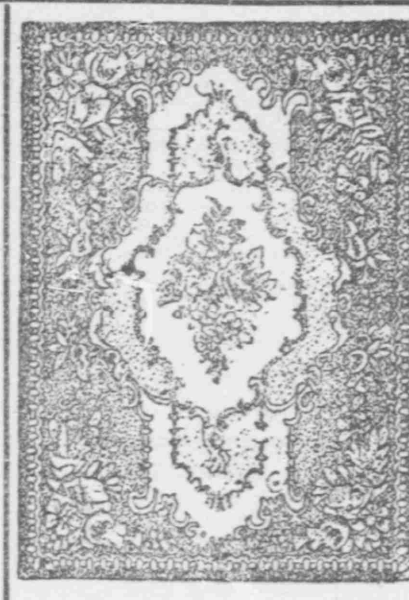
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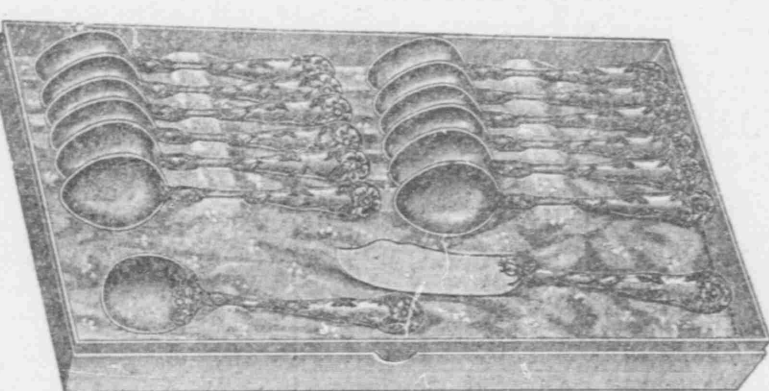
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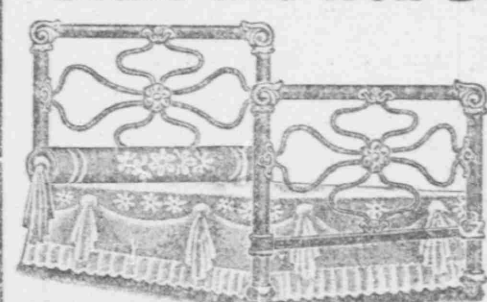
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